

Washington Digest

Series of Contradictions Marks Political Campaign

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WASHINGTON—Political currents and cross currents are running high, wide and deep along the Potomac these days. The wave of popularity stirred up by Stassen supporters is not pleasant for regular Republicans to contemplate. Some of the non-professionals however, particularly those in the Taft corner, are very bitter about it, not because they think that Stassen will get in, but because of the way he has served to block the Taft efforts—despite the fact that those efforts have been labelled, rightly or wrongly, futile from the beginning. Deweyites don't admit they are worrying — but!

I talked to one of the Taft men recently. "What makes me sick," he said, "is the way the people who have done their best to break down Taft are full of praise for him now that they think he is beaten. They describe his efficiency, his knowledge, his frankness, his grasp of the subjects he discusses. And they talk about Stassen's vagueness and inability to answer Taft's charges."

"And these," he wound up, "are the same people who have been shooting at Taft ever since he started his presidential campaign."

There is something in what this man says. You would be surprised how many liberals, how many Democrats even, praise Taft privately, would really like to see him elected, but either they can't quite come out openly in his favor, or they take for granted he can't win anyhow.

Then there is the great group of Republicans who are going to vote for Dewey, but act as if they were gritting their teeth in the process. "What have you got against Dewey?" I ask them. Some are vague, others say the New York governor is a "straddler... an opportunist... never comes out for an issue until he sees a Gallup poll on it... but I suppose he'll win..." Can he?

Since the Stassen hurricane, the oldtimers are talking a little differently about Dewey. Some of them who have predicted right along that Dewey would win now are saying that Stassen has undermined him so thoroughly that now Dewey has no more chance than Taft.

And all the time the Vandenberg tide is rising. But here's an interesting thing. Way back in February some very canny observers were saying that Speaker Joe Martin of the house of representatives had the best chance of anyone for the Republican presidential nomination, in case of the expected Taft-Dewey deadlock.

At the time many people were surprised at that opinion. But it wasn't long before we began to see mention of Martin here and there. Then, finally, insiders accepted him as probably the best bet of the several Republican dark horses. I know I could feel his popularity growing as I travelled around the country.

But then came the surprise move when Martin was credited with bringing about settlement of the coal miners' pension row—the appointment of Sen. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire as neutral trustee on the pension board with John Lewis and Ezra Van Horn, and the agreement that was reached between Bridges and Lewis.

At first the settlement put Martin in a favorable light with the public. Then some of the conservative Republicans who hate Lewis expressed their disapproval. There were hints of a "deal" that had been reached between Bridges and Lewis before Bridges was appointed. Democrats charged that Martin was politicking. Horn, representing the operators, appealed to the courts to declare the pension agreement invalid.

Martin's stock dropped. And the oldtimers began to say his chances for the presidential nomination were slim. Not so much because of the pension deal itself, but paradoxically—and this is one of the accepted paradoxes of politics—because his intervention in the row was taken as a public avowal of his candidacy. Martin ceased to be a dark horse—and as a light horse, he wasn't considered nearly as much of a favorite.

The paradox applies to Senator Vandenberg. The Michigan senator constantly and consistently has disavowed any desire or intention of being a candidate for the Republican nomination. If, according to this paradoxical political rule, the oldtimers say, he were thrust into the limelight, his cause would suffer too. At this writing, Vandenberg seems to stand as the No. 1 bet.

Stassenites, however, claim that this paradox is all old hat; that times and political thinking have changed. One of the first black marks which the Republican old guard checked against Stassen was the fact that he came right out as a candidate way ahead of time. The traditional thing is to be oh, so coy about it.

But some observers feel as Newsweek magazine expressed it some time ago: "Stassen's forthright quest for votes may end much of the traditional coyness of aspirants. In the future, it's thought that more candidates will frankly announce their intentions well in advance of election." Well, maybe.

There is plenty of old-line resentment against Stassen, not only because he began an open campaign so early, but also because of the efficient, powerful, highly-organized and aggressive machine he has built up. A right wing Republican I spoke to recently seemed especially resentful, grumbling about the "big money" backing Minnesota's ex-governor, and the New York banking interests "that wanted in."

Senator Taft was reported so furious over Stassen's invasion of Ohio that it was thought that he might forget his rivalry with Dewey and throw his support to the New Yorker earlier in the convention if the deadlock was certain.

All this talk AGAINST candidates is interesting psychologically. You always hear far more reasons for voting AGAINST a candidate than you hear for voting FOR one. It's a very good thing that no candidate is ever quite so bad as his opponents claim he is. Otherwise the government would fall apart regularly every four years.

Monroe Doctrine Is Reactivated

On Charles street in the sleepy little town of Fredericksburg, Va., in the first floor office of a story-and-a-half brick house, you can see, if you obey the parking signs and stop there, a beautiful brass-bound mahogany desk, artistic handwork of the French cabinet makers of the early 18th century.

It is an historic piece of furniture for on its surface 125 years ago, there was signed a document which, reactivated today, becomes at once the challenge and the hope of free men throughout the world.

That desk, carefully carried across the seas as a precious heirloom, found its way into the great, empty rooms of the White House, newly-rebuilt after the destructive fire set by an enemy torch in the War of 1812.

Turn back the pages to December of the year 1823. At this desk sits a man in a stiffly-starched stock. His broad forehead is wrinkled with thought. His wide eyes look down at the document he is about to sign. It is his message to the 18th congress of the United States, but it embodies the spirit and is couched in the phrases which his predecessors have used before him expressing the intent and the obligations of the young republic of which he, James Monroe, is the President.

Two years before, the Czar of all the Russians had uttered a ukase that no foreigner must approach within 100 miles of the American coastline north of the 51st parallel. Russia then had a firm foothold on the northwestern coastland of the western hemisphere. The iron curtain had descended.

Plus ça change, plus ça reste la même chose!

"We could not view any interpolation for the purpose of oppressing them (the free countries of the Americas) by any European power in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States."

One hundred and twenty-five years pass.

Today, the United States, in a world that has shrunk until Moscow is nearer to Washington than Boston was in Monroe's time, redeclares its resources to "help free peoples to maintain their free institutions and their national integrity against aggressive movements that seek to impose upon them totalitarian regimes."

The words are President Truman's, but the spirit is the same as that breathed in the Monroe doctrine. America carries on.

Polysyllabically, John L. Lewis and Gen. Douglas MacArthur have something in common. Perhaps Lewis should run as MacArthur's vice president. Think of all the sonorous five-syllable-word statements they could get out.

In President Lincoln's time, most of the speeches were made in the open air without benefit of public address system or microphone. Now all you really need is a few friends who can make themselves heard in a smoke-filled room.



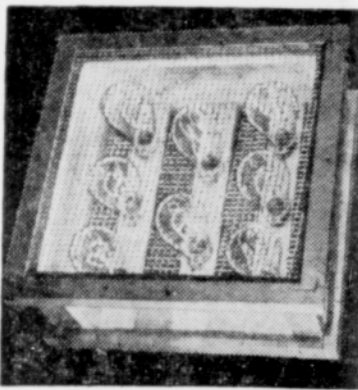
Simple Dehydrator Saves Garden Crops

Homemade Apparatus Serves Many Purposes

A homemade dehydrator heating unit, which also may be used as a room heater in the home or brooder house, is an economical device and a labor-saver on the farm.

Successful drying depends upon removal of enough moisture from the fruit or vegetables to prevent spoilage. This must be done at a temperature that does not seriously affect the texture, color and flavor of the vegetable or fruit.

Best results are obtained when fruits and vegetables are dried in a dehydrator, like one shown, rather than in the sun. In hot, dry localities, however, sun-dried fruits have excellent color, flavor and good nutritive value. Sun-dried vegetables usually are noticeably inferior to



Good type of homemade dehydrator heating unit, which also may be used as a room heater.

dehydrated vegetables in most respects, but when properly dried they are fairly satisfactory.

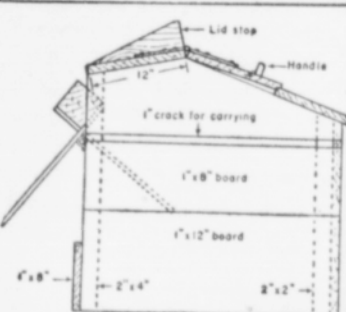
If gas-filled tungsten-filament lamps are used, care should be taken to prevent liquids dripping onto the bulbs, as that is likely to crack them. If carbon-filament lamps are used, as shown in the picture, water dripping on them will not crack the bulbs.

Minerals Will Improve Quality of Egg Shells

Improvement in shell texture of eggs can be made in many cases by providing the foods that supply the mineral properties contained in the shell itself. The shell of the egg contains about 90 per cent calcium carbonate and foodstuffs containing the minerals and vitamins necessary for shell production should help to increase the supply and bring about some improvement in shell quality.

Shell-grit or oyster shell-grit provides calcium carbonate, but without vitamin D the hen may not be able to convert sufficient quantities to meet the demands for bone and egg-shell formation.

Nests For Turkeys



Crowding of turkeys in nests will be largely eliminated if enough space and enough nests are provided. Accepted size of an individual turkey nest is 18 inches wide by 24 inches high by 28 inches deep. Quite often eggs are broken and these broken eggs soil others. It is wise to have turkey nests both inside the brooder house and out of doors during periods of rapidly changing weather conditions. Photo shows Utah type of turkey nest.

Swine Diarrhea Curbed With Proper Nutrition

Proper nutrition plays an important role in control of swine diarrhea and scours, a source of considerable loss to most pork producers, according to Wise Burroughs of the Ohio station. Nursing pigs are susceptible to the disease, feeder pigs get enteritis and even older animals sometimes scour.

Deficiencies in any one of five different B-vitamins may cause diarrhea, Burroughs warns.

Saliflower Crop Thrives Without Heavy Rainfall

Saliflower poses no serious question of competition with flax in humid areas where flax prospers. It seems to thrive in areas of less rainfall, where normal precipitation is only 12 to 15 inches annually and where flax generally does not yield so well. Normally, too, under "dry-land" conditions, saliflower does as well as wheat or better. It is resistant to most diseases and insects.



STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO

By INEZ GERHARD

IF YOU like beautiful scenery, excitement, action and good acting, "The Lady from Shanghai" should be on your list of pictures to see. It builds up to a terrific scene that you'll never forget. Rita Hayworth and Orson Welles are starred. Welles also wrote the screen play and produced the picture. It was inspiration on his part to cast Ever-



RITA HAYWORTH

ett Sloane of radio in a prominent role; Sloane's performance is magnificent. Glen Anders is excellent. In fact, the whole cast is above average, with the exception of Miss Hayworth. Hollywood is full of girls who could have done as well as she did—but few could have looked as beautiful.

Remember Bobby Breen, who was a singing star in pictures years ago? Eddie Cantor had great hopes for him. Bobby, now 22, spent three years in the army (won a bronze star in the Battle of the Bulge) and now is a lyric baritone. He doesn't want to return to Hollywood just yet, so he is doing radio guest shots and concentrating on developing his voice.

Dorothy Lamour, free-lancing since she left Paramount a year ago, has the biggest backlog of unreleased pictures of any major star. She has two for Benedict Bogeaus productions and two for Columbia. So she headed for New York for a month to make radio appearances for "On Our Merry Way." As soon as she gets back to Hollywood she begins "The Life of Helen Morgan."

Paul Douglas, who has been starring on Broadway in "Born Yesterday," has been signed by 20th Century-Fox for the leading male role in "Letter to Four Wives," with Linda Darnell, Ann Sothern, Jeanne Crain and Anne Baxter.

United Artists will re-release the famous Bing Crosby-Bop Hope golfing short, "Don't Hook Now." Originally a two-reeler, it has been cut by Producer Herb Polster to a one-reel short subject. Even non-golfers love it!

More than 5,000 children were interviewed before Mary Jayne Saunders was chosen for the important "Little Miss Marker" role in Paramount's "Sorrowful Jones." This is the role that long ago boosted Shirley Temple toward stardom.

Bill Stern, who for the tenth year has been chosen the country's outstanding sports announcer, advises radio aspirants: "Learn to read, speak and write the English language with the greatest possible fluency... you must be able to read a strange script at a moment's notice—or you may have to ad lib for minutes on end. Words and familiarity with them will be your stock in trade."

Benay Venuta, quiz mistress of Mutual's "Keep Up with the Kids," says many of Hollywood's top feminine stars are making their own clothes rather than pay staggering prices for them. Benay, an expert seamstress herself, whips up a good many of her own costumes.

Odds and Ends... Bill Lawrence, director of CBS "Screen Guild Players," has been signed as dialogue director of Republic's top-budgeted western, "The Far Outpost"... Phyllis Forbes, who came near getting the job Jane Russell landed in "The Outlaw," is one of the chorus girls in "Romance on the High Seas"... Fred Allen will be a guest on "We, the People" on the June first broadcast... Anticipating heavy demand for Tom Breneman's only picture, "Breakfast in Hollywood," United Artists announces that prints of the film are being rushed to all branch exchanges.

Mr. Ripple and Ripple Jr., featured on NBC's Jimmy Durante show, have been signed for Columbia's "Ladies of the Chorus." In real life the Ripples are Dave Barry and his son, Alan, six years old.

The desire people have to analyze themselves forms the basis for the new program, "What Makes You Tick," which will serve as a summer replacement for Mutual's "Quick as a Flash" series, beginning Sunday, June 8.

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